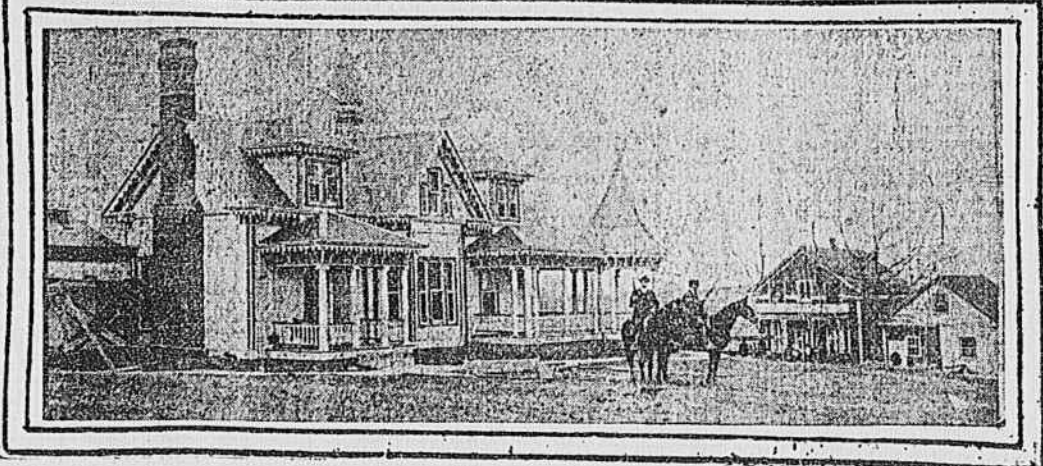


SOME LEADING FIGURES AND SCENES IN HILLSVILLE TRAGEDY



Moonshine stills captured on the estate of Floyd Allen.



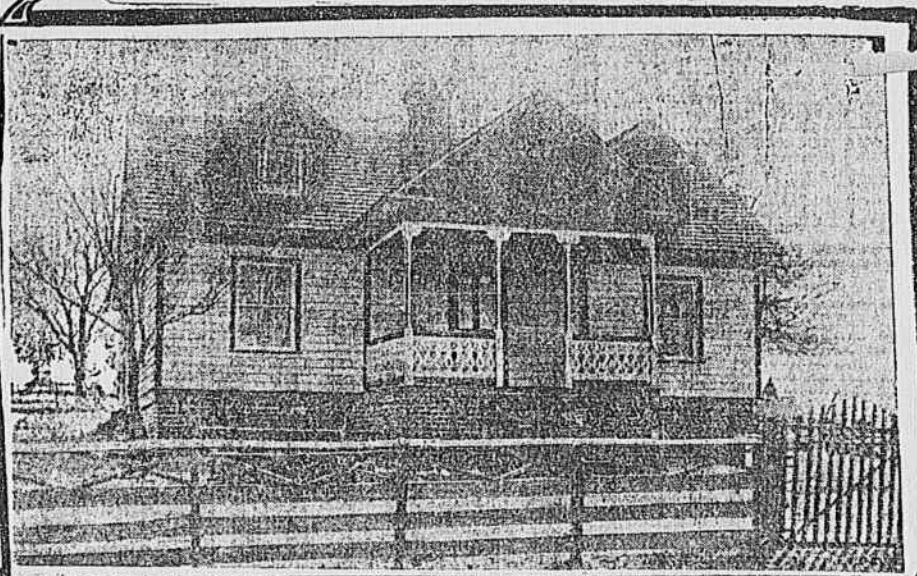
The beautiful home of Sidna Allen.



Andrew P. Howlett, who, during the wild melee in the court room, threw his body across his wife to protect her from the fusillade of bullets.



Sidna Allen.



Home of Rev. Garland Allen. (Photos by G. V. Buck, Washington.)

ALLENS MAKE NO OFFERS TO STATE

Governor Denies That They Agreed to Surrender on Their Own Terms.

Governor Mann came out of a busy meeting of the State Military Board last night long enough to deny reports printed yesterday to the effect that overtures of surrender had been made by the fugitive Allen clan to the State.

"There is no truth in the story that the Allens have approached Mr. Baldwin in Roanoke with propositions for a conditional surrender," said the Governor emphatically. "No such overture has been made. In the first place, if the Allens were near enough to send an envoy into Roanoke with conditions of surrender, they would not remain at liberty long.

"The only grounds for the exaggerated report lie in the fact that a kingman of the Allens visited Mr. Baldwin in Roanoke yesterday and said that, acting purely on his own initiative, he would do anything in his power to bring the fugitives and the State together on what he considered fair terms. His proposition was in no way official and was not treated as such. His proposal was similar in significance to dozens of others who have received from all parts of the country."

When asked by a reporter for The Times-Dispatch what would be the position of the State in case the outlaw would make overtures of conditional surrender, the Governor said that he preferred not to discuss such a contingency until there was real reason for it. It is generally understood, however, that the State will treat with the desperadoes on no grounds except unconditional surrender, and this is not to be expected.

Talks With Judge Staples. The Governor said at a late hour, after a long distance telephone conversation with Judge Staples in Hillsville, that instead of anticipating overtures from the outlaw, the detective posse in Carroll was closing in on the gang and preparing to meet bloody resistance. The conversation with Judge Staples served to arouse the Governor's confidence in the capture of the whole gang to a still higher degree, but he declined stating that he was in possession of vital information which could not be divulged, he refused to discuss the Hillsville situation. Judge Staples, he said, had confirmed the capture of Sidna Edwards, and reported that he was in the Hillsville jail.

The following statement for the newspapers was issued by the Governor yesterday afternoon before he heard of the arrest of Jordan Edwards and Alex. Thomas, the two men taken in the escape of the Allens after the shooting in the courthouse. "I have received information from Roanoke of the capture near Lamb-burg of Sidna Edwards, regarded as one of the most desperadoes of the Carroll county criminals. I think the probabilities of the capture of all of the murderers during the next few days exceedingly strong. We are strengthening our forces with picked men, and nothing is being neglected."

NEGRO SHOOT CONDUCTOR.

Flesh Wounds Inflicted Following Dispute Over Fare. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Kernersville, N. C., March 22.—A Southern passenger train No. 255 pulled out of Kernersville to-night, en route to Greensboro, Captain Ed. Holden was painfully though not seriously shot by a negro, said to be Hencé Hostin. Captain Holden had collected the negro's fare, when the difficulty arose and two shots were fired, both entering Mr. Holden's right hip. Efforts were made to capture the negro, but he made good his escape. After an examination by a doctor at Kernersville, Conductor Holden proceeded with his train to Greensboro.

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FIVE CHINESE ARE SLAIN IN WAR OF THE TONGS

Bloodiest Conflict in Years Is Expected to Take Place in California.

San Francisco, March 22.—A tong war, perhaps the bloodiest in years, impends in Chinatown here, following murders in the Chinese quarters of Sacramento, Oakland and San Francisco late last night.

While a feud among four other tongs was smoldering, the hitherto peaceful members of the Hing Kong Society, without warning, shot down five members of the Kim Lum Society. As one of the assassinations took place in a temple of the powerful Chee Kung Tong, or Chinese Freemasons' society, it is expected the war will become general.

At Sacramento, Willie Wong, an Americanized Chinese, was killed in a chop suey restaurant by an unknown assailant, armed with an automatic pistol.

Wong Kong fell next, with six bullets in his body, in a gambling house nearby, but the murderer, Fuy Sam, was caught by the police.

Lee Sun, slain in the Chee Kung Temple, in Oakland, was a Sacramento cigar man. In San Francisco, Tom Lung, a flower merchant, was killed in an alley. Soon afterward the body of Yee Chow Fo was found in his room. The Kim Lum Society received no warning that the truce was broken and were caught unprepared. Except in one case the slayers escaped.

A few nights ago shots were fired here at the quarters of another tong. At this the chief of police sent plain clothes men to Chinatown, with orders to kill any one drawing a weapon.

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FIRST CATCH OF POSSES

Sidna Edwards Is Landed in Little Hillsville Jail.

(By Associated Press.) Hillsville, Va., March 22.—Sidna Edwards, a tall, rugged mountaineer of twenty-two, sat calmly in the darkness of the little brick jail here to-night, the first catch of the posses, who have been scouring the mountains for those of the Allen gang who got away after the courthouse assassination of March 14, when a judge, prosecutor, sheriff, and two bystanders were killed, and two others were seriously wounded.

To-night young Edwards, emaciated and worn from a week's wandering in the thickets, protests his innocence of the indictment of murder against him, and the hunters, spurred on by a day's success, are up in the Blue Ridge hunting for the same charge, his brother, Wesley Edwards, his uncle, Sidna Allen, and his cousins, Claude and Friel Allen.

Detective Legrand Felts and W. W. Phant, heading the posse, came upon Edwards at 1 o'clock this morning asleep in an empty hut a mile from his home. He was unarmed, and when he woke the detectives were at his side. He made no resistance and went to a farmer's house near Lamb-burg, and started for Hillsville with

his captors early to-day. Jack Allen, his uncle—one of the Allens who was not at the courthouse on the day of the tragedy—joined his nephew on the way in and galloped along with the party.

Their Pictures Taken.

They cantered in and paused while the moving picture men clicked off a few hundred feet of film. Detectives carrying rifles followed closely. The party turned in at a little lane, where the raiders a week ago drew rein and left their ponies while they went to wipe out the human fabric of Carroll Court. Sidna left his mount and was hustled to the little jail across from the stable. He protested against be-

ing put into a musty cell and wanted to occupy the corridor, but his keeper was stern and locked him up. Jack Allen came out and said to the newspaper men:

"My nephew Sidna is the most peaceful man in the county. He wouldn't know what to do with a gun if he had it."

A little questioning angered Allen, and he declared his family was being grossly misrepresented.

"Fists will fly pretty soon," he said, as two detectives escorted him over the hill.

Rumor flew persistently about the countryside to-day that the Allen gang, still at large, discouraged by

the taking of Edwards and probably impressed with the ultimate futility of their flight, had sent a proposition to Governor Mann offering to surrender if they were permitted to plead guilty to murder in the second degree.

Such a proposal was said to have been made to Detective W. G. Baldwin at Roanoke by a relative of the Allens, but the detective refused to talk about it. It is said he turned it down. Governor Mann in Richmond to-night declared he had heard of no such proposal.

Sidna Edwards, the boy in jail to-night, and his brother, Wesley, were the principals in an escapade which started the trouble which culminated

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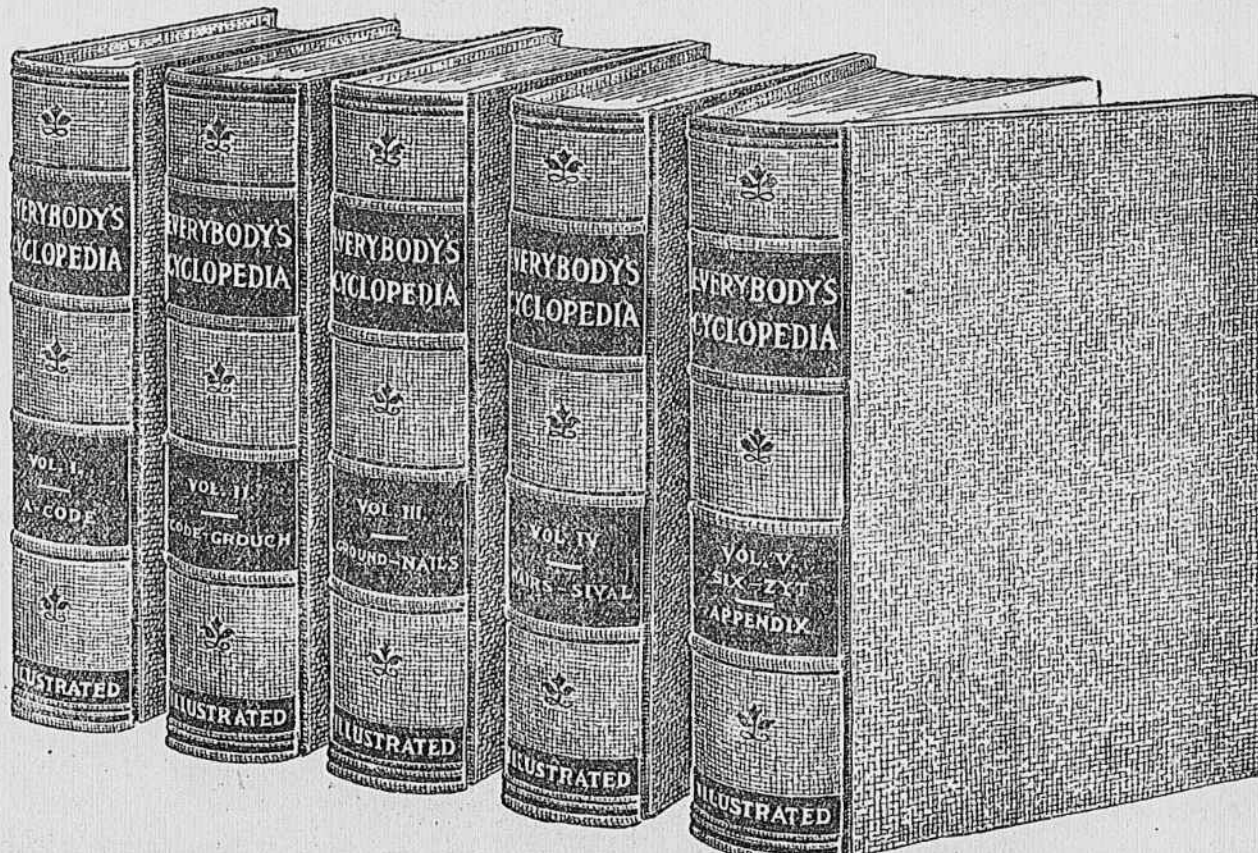
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